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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

•JP 2000-329651, November 30, 2000

•JP 2001-51150, February 23, 2001

•B. HUTTNER et al., Distributed PMD Measurement with a Polarization-OTDR in

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